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Some still without electricity as new storm systems enter Central Coast



Daily photo by Kellie Korhonen

A fallen tree in the Building 52 courtyard was toppled in the storm. Storm damage throughout campus has been removed.

By Britt Fekete
Daily Staff Writer

Power was restored on campus Monday night after an hour and a half of darkness, but some areas along the Central Coast are still without electricity after Monday's storm knocked over more than 90 utility poles.

As of Thursday morning, more than 1,000 PG&E customers throughout San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties still had no power.

According to PG&E spokesper-

QUICK FACTS

- Power lines and other electrical equipment was damaged in more than 300 places throughout San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.
- As of Thursday morning, 240 locations were still without power.

son Jane Oliveira, 475 of these customers are in various San Luis Obispo neighborhoods. She said crews are working hard to restore power to all customers by Thursday morning, but some will have to wait longer.

"With all the winds and rain and saturated ground, it brought power lines down, damaged poles and equipment in more than 300 locations in two counties. What our crews are up against this (Thursday) morning is going to be more than 240 locations that remain down and restoring their power," she said.

Oliveira explained that the process of restoring power isn't just going to a site, finding out the problem and fixing it. Crews must assess the sites, find out what equipment was damaged and leave

the site to get the right equipment for repairs. When they return, restoration begins.

According to Oliveira, 55,000 customers throughout San Luis Obispo County and northern Santa Barbara County lost power by Tuesday night.

San Luis Obispo suffered some damage but not as much as other areas, according to San Luis Obispo Fire Inspector and Investigator John Madden.

"We fared pretty well compared to other communities," he said, adding that the department ran 17 calls between 5:20 a.m. Monday and 12:40 a.m. Tuesday. The majority of the calls were for down power lines, leaning utility poles and fallen trees.

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ASI sends finals schedule resolution to the Senate

By Andi Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

The ASI Board of Directors took a firm stand for Cal Poly students Wednesday when it approved a resolution suggesting modifications to the Academic Senate's proposed final exam schedule.

The resolution, which has been floating around the board for weeks, was presented by College of Engineering board member Amy Luker. It offers solutions to student concerns about the Academic Senate's proposed final exam schedule, which consists of a three-hour, six-day schedule with common finals on Saturday.

Some suggestions in the ASI resolution include: not forcing students to take more than two exams in a single day, having the final exam schedule state that all common finals are optional, encouraging instructors to give the scheduled time of the final in the syllabus, and

encouraging instructors to keep the last day of instruction open for review instead of presenting new material.

The last point caused some debate among the board. A few members felt instructors should not be told when they can and cannot teach and that limiting what could be taught on the last day of instruction would infringe on that right.

But the majority agreed that the statement was only a suggestion for professors and should stay in the resolution.

"The wording is fairly easy," College of Agriculture board member Allison Kennon-Frink said. "It says the instructors are 'encouraged.' It doesn't say 'you will not have extra instruction on the last day.'"

Executive staff member Mary Ann Bingham said the statement should stay because it is what the students want.

"The instruction committee said they want students to tell them what we are looking for—what we expect from the faculty at this campus—and if there's something students want, then we need to tell them that," Bingham added.

The board voted to approve the resolution with the state-

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Women's history: the focus of February

By Michelle Boykin
Daily Staff Writer

"Celebrate Women's History" is a month-long series of speeches and workshops, sponsored mainly by the Women's Center, with the theme "Living the Legacy: 150 Years of Women's Rights."

This is the first year the women's history celebration has been stretched out over a month. In its 16 years, the activities have gone from a couple of days to a week long, which Women's Programs and Services Director Pat Harris said was difficult.

"We'd go from eight in the morning to five straight, with speakers and workshops, all day, every day for a week. This way, we can spread the activities out and more people are able to attend," Harris said.

This is also Black History Month. When the decision was



Farai Chideya, speaker

made last quarter to extend women's history week to a month, some concerns were raised about the two observances colliding.

"We certainly were not trying to

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Flurry in Iraq to try to avert U.S. air strike

By Leon Berkho
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Diplomatic attempts to solve the Iraq crisis picked up speed Thursday, while China and France registered strong new opposition to an American military strike. Russian President Boris Yeltsin declared that "we shall not allow" an American attack.

Diplomats from Russia, France, Turkey and the Arab League — as well as an envoy of

PLO leader Yasser Arafat — pressed Iraq to compromise on U.N. demands to inspect "sensitive sites," including President Saddam Hussein's palaces, to head off a threatened U.S. strike.

Thus far, varying forms of compromise offers reportedly discussed have not provided a way out of the crisis. The United States and Britain, virtually alone among major powers in advocating for the use of force, insist on the longstanding U.N. demand of unfettered access to all sites.

"We have stood together... before in the face of tyranny,"

Prime Minister Tony Blair said after a Washington meeting with President Clinton.

"Today, in the face of the threat from Saddam Hussein, we must stand together once more. We want a diplomatic solution to the crisis, but the success or failure of diplomacy rests on Saddam. If he fails to respond, then he knows that the threat of force is there, and it is real."

Shortly before Blair's comments, the USS Independence accompanied by a submarine and

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Storm brings troubles on Highway 1

Because of the heavy rains, Highway 1 around Big Sur is blocked by mud slides, and sections of the road have fallen apart and slid away. Many vacationers and residents of Big Sur had to be evacuated by helicopter over the past few days. The highway was closed at Ragged Point.

Chunks of the road fell away at Soberanes Point-leaving a 50-yard gap, 75-feet deep.

The area was also without power, though phone service remained.

The area around Big Sur is expected to receive another five inches of rain in the next two days. The northbound highway is likely to stay closed for another two to three weeks according to Caltrans.

Council approves \$62 million Highway 46 widening project

The San Luis Obispo City Council of Governments approved \$62 million Wednesday to widen 18 miles of the "dangerous" highway 46. The widening would extend from Airport Road in Paso Robles to a spot near Shandon.

The council agreed to spend \$104 million total for seven major transportation projects over a course of the next six years. Some of these include widening the Niblick Bridge in Paso Robles and some other roadwork in Atascadero and Pismo Beach.

Caltrans will pay for 52 percent of the highway 46 bill.

The highway is notorious for fatal and serious accidents for many years, and claimed the lives of Telegram-Tribune editor Jeff Fairbanks, his wife Ann and daughter Siena two years ago.

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State Senate candidates finalized

State Senator Jack O'Connell now faces competition from two directions in his campaign for re-election. The deadline for the 18th District seat passed Wednesday with Republican Gordon Klemma and Libertarian Jack Ray as the other two candidates.

Deadline for voter registration creeping up

Monday, Feb. 9 is the last chance for San Luis Obispo County residents to register to vote in the March 10 special election for the congressional seat left open by the death of Walter Capps.

Registered voters who have changed their residence or mailing address or their name need to re-register by Feb. 9 as well.

Also on Monday, absentee ballots will be available. March 3 is the last day for absentee ballots to be mailed out. Applications for absentee ballots are available from the elections division, and will be sent to all registered voters with their sample ballots.

Registration forms are available throughout the county at post offices, city halls, libraries, banks, notary offices, utility companies and the County Clerk-Recorder's Office in San Luis Obispo and Atascadero.

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Starr wants 'all the truth' Clinton gives thanks for prayers

By John Solomon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Brushing aside a signed immunity deal, prosecutor Kenneth Starr said Thursday his investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up is making significant progress and that witnesses will be pressed to provide "all the truth."

President Clinton, meanwhile, left open the possibility that some of his aides could be instructed not to answer certain questions from prosecutors, under the doctrine of executive privilege.

Prosecutors in Washington questioned White House deputy chief of staff John Podesta before a federal grand jury.

"Nothing in my testimony contradicted the strong denials the president gave to these accusations," Podesta said afterward. He said he answered all questions and would return for more questioning.

In Arkansas, Starr held a rare news conference to signal that his probe was moving forward, with or without Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation.

"We want all the truth," he said. "We want it completely, accurately."

"We have made very significant progress," Starr said, surrounded by several of his deputies on the steps of the federal courthouse in Little Rock, where he attended a hearing on an unrelated Whitewater criminal case.

Prosecutors on Wednesday rejected a signed offer from Ms. Lewinsky's attorney that she would provide testimony in

exchange for full immunity - a deal the Lewinsky camp believes Starr accepted and then reneged upon.

And Starr's team declined to limit the scope of questioning of White House witnesses to address presidential lawyers' concerns about executive privilege.

The investigation reached as far south as Florida, where a television station received a subpoena for any footage showing Ms. Lewinsky with Clinton during a trip last year in which the president visited golfer Greg Norman's home and injured his leg.

Norman said through a spokesman that Ms. Lewinsky was not at his home during the visit last March, and WPEC-TV in West Palm Beach, Fla., said it had turned up no video footage to date of the president with Ms. Lewinsky. The White House declined comment.

Starr declined to discuss the negotiations with Ms. Lewinsky, but gave a broad statement that suggested prosecutors do not believe they have been offered a full story from the key witness.

"We want all of the facts, and we want people to be accurate and truthful with us," Starr said. "That is the bottom line. There must be truthfulness. There must be accuracy. There must be completeness. We call it transparency."

In the Oval Office, Clinton took a break from talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to say he hadn't decided whether to invoke executive privilege. The president said it was still a "hypothetical question."

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In the midst of personal crisis, President Clinton thanked Americans Thursday for "the prayers, the letters, the scriptural instruction" of recent weeks. He also asked prayerful support as the nation faces "a difficult decision" on a military showdown with Iraq.

The president, accompanied by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and members of his Cabinet, joined more than 2,000 political figures, clergy and VIPs for the National Prayer Breakfast in a hotel ballroom.

Clinton made no direct mention of the sex and cover-up allegations that have shaken his presidency for more than two weeks.

But he told the audience: "I thank you for the prayers, the letters, the scriptural instruction that I have gotten from so many of you and many others around this country in recent weeks, and indeed in the last five years."

"And I ask that they continue," said Clinton.

An annual ritual since 1952, the breakfast was first convened to pray for newly elected President Eisenhower and his government. Clinton has spoken each year he's been in the White House.

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ment still included.

Luker said the Academic Senate will meet Tuesday to continue discussing the final exam schedule. She made it clear that the ASI resolution was completely separate from the actual proposed schedule.

"Our resolution isn't going to be connected to theirs in any way," Luker said. "This is just our opinion on the topics that are involved in the finals schedule. What they may do is pick up on some of these issues later on with further resolutions."

Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs, elaborated on the upcoming procedure, which will involve ASI's resolution and the proposed final exam schedule.

"The process will hopefully be that the Academic Senate will consider all or portions of this and some of these will possibly be integrated into their resolution," Gonzalez said. "Once they pass their resolution, it's forwarded to the president who needs to approve or disapprove all or portions of it."

Gonzalez added that if the

Academic Senate does not take the ASI resolution and student concerns into consideration, then the final exam schedule may not be approved by Cal Poly President Warren Baker, and it might have to be reworked.

"The president has actually sent back resolutions to the faculty senate when the faculty senate did not consider students," he said.

ASI Chairman of the Board Tom Spengler and Vice Chairman Bubba Murarka agreed that the ASI resolution was well-written and deserves to be taken into account by the senate because it is what the students are asking for.

"We will make sure that this resolution is thoroughly communicated to President Baker, the Academic Senate and everyone else involved," Spengler said.

Murarka added that "the resolution on the floor deserves full support where it's at. It speaks strongly for what the students need and we are certainly representative of the students' voices and the students' needs."

Academic Senate is still discussing the issue and no date has been set for a final vote on the schedule.

Colorful San Francisco Democrat wins leader of California Senate

By Steve Lawrence
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - John Burton, a flamboyant San Francisco Democrat who revived his political career after battling drug and alcohol addictions, was elected leader of the California Senate on Thursday.

The Senate chambers - packed with legislators, former legislators and Burton supporters - rocked with applause and cheers after the Senate voted 32-0 to name Burton to succeed fellow Democrat Bill Lockyer in arguably the state's second most powerful post, Senate president pro tempore.

"All I can say is I will do my best to bring honor to this body," Burton told his colleagues in a speech that was interrupted frequently by laughter and applause.

"I will never, to the best of my ability, do anything offensive or do anything to bring discredit on this body, because this is truly something that is beyond belief."

Burton, 65, served a total of 18 years in the state Assembly and Congress before announcing that he wouldn't run for re-election to the House of Representatives in 1982 because he was tired of politics.

He later revealed that he had a severe drug and alcohol problem that had caused him to miss 75 percent of the recorded House votes in his last year in Congress.

After going through a rehabilitation program and spending several years practicing law, Burton was elected to the Assembly for a second stint in 1988. In 1996 he won a state Senate seat, 29 years after he lost his first bid for the Senate.

"It was held in the summer, when the Democrats were on vacation," Burton joked about that first Senate race.

In his speech after the vote, Burton mentioned his battle with drugs and alcohol and read a line from a Jerome Kern song, "When your chin is on the ground you pick

yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again."

"That's what, with the help of God ... and the help of friends ... I have been able to do," he said.

Burton is an odd combination of wisecracking legislative bomb thrower and political insider who can be intense one minute and funny the next.

At one point in his remarks, Burton joked that with the exception of one other issue he and a Republican colleague only agreed on one thing: "That the Russian revolution was a communist plot."

Lockyer, who is barred by term limits from running for re-election to the Senate, joked that Burton "taught me all I know about calm and serenity."

Sen. Patrick Johnston, D-Stockton, who ran against Burton for pro tem but lost a vote last month in the Democratic caucus, used basketball terminology to describe how Burton campaigned for the office.

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Larry Tolson with the San Luis Obispo Public Works Maintenance Division said 90 percent of the mess in the city was tree-related. He said that 12 to 15 large trees fell throughout the city. Tolson said he wasn't notified until Tuesday afternoon about the large Carrotwood tree that fell on Chorro Street between Monterey and Higuera streets.

"Its roots had uplifted from the storm and six inches were exposed. We had to close Chorro to clear it away," he said.

Maintenance crews were still clearing away trees Wednesday.

"Thanks to our pruning program and pre-season clean-up of clearing storm drains and creeks, we kept damages to a small number," he said.

Further north, power was restored to most of Cambria Wednesday. A spokesperson for the Cambria Fire Department said power had been out since Monday at 8 p.m. PG&E workers who came to Cambria Monday night to restore power had to leave because of unsafe conditions caused by the wind and falling trees. They regrouped Tuesday morning into teams of two and returned to Cambria.

Although fallen trees are still being counted, as of Wednesday afternoon, 130 trees had been cleared. This number does not include trees that fell near houses or on empty lots.

The California Conservation Corps and a forestry unit were brought in to Cambria Monday night to help clear roads.

Glen Priddy, county engineer, said Cambria was the hardest hit by far. He said the county engineering department's main role in the clean-up of Monday's storm was to remove trees that had fallen across roads.

According to the Atascadero Fire Department, more than 300 trees fell in the storm. Trees falling on top of homes and businesses caused the most damage.

Bill White, a public information officer, said most of the calls from residents came Monday evening.

"I believe our department ran just under 100 calls for service Monday and Tuesday," he said.

The damages are still being assessed, but the estimated amount of damage to Atascadero is approximately \$300,000.

For more information on these programs and information on storm preparedness, check out www.getreadyso.com.

To report fallen a power line now or during the next storm, the PG&E number to call is 1-800-PGE-5002.

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horn-in on Black History Month. We have been working with the Black Student Union on planning joint events that celebrate women of color, and we planned our other events around each other," Harris said.

It was joint planning which led to the scheduling of the keynote speaker, Farai Chideya, appearing Feb. 10 in Chumash Auditorium at 6 p.m. Chideya, 28, is an African-American woman who is an ABC News correspondent, the national affairs editor for Vibe magazine, and contributing author to Time and Mademoiselle magazines and the Los Angeles and New York Times. She has won numerous awards and has published two books.

"She's young, she's cultured, well-educated, with lots of good experiences. We really admired that about her. She's well-achieved and a good role model," said Orkideh Ghaffari, speech communication senior and member of the planning committee for this event.

Other campus organizations sponsoring the speech include the ASI Program Board Speakers' Forum, the Multicultural Center and the Panhellenic Council. Chideya's topic will be the demographic changes facing the country

and what it means to be a woman, particularly a woman of color, entering the 21st century.

Another notable woman coming to campus is this year's Miss America, Katie Shindle, who will speak at the HIV Education Summit on Feb. 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the U.U. This is a paid event; call the Women's Center at 756-2600 for more information.

The Panhellenic Council will also hold an Eating Disorder Screening Program on Feb. 17 from 7-9 p.m. in Chumash. The next day, Psychological Services will be opening its doors to people who have concerns about eating disorders. The screening is part of a senior project for two speech communication students.

The second annual Women of the Year Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held Feb. 20, at 11 a.m. in Chumash. Tickets are \$10. At this event an outstanding woman from faculty and from staff will receive an award and three student scholarships will be presented. The nominees for Women of the Year came from recommendations and the recipients are chosen by the planning committee.

"We honor every nominee, not just the ones who get the award. Everyone is announced and acknowledged for their work and their caring," Ghaffari said.



Other highlights include talks on women as national leaders (Feb. 11), women in agriculture and other male-dominated fields (Feb. 17), and the history of Mexican-American women (Feb. 19). For a complete program of events, contact the Women's Center in the University Union.

Harris said men are encouraged to attend the events as well.

"Part of the reason for this is to show people what women have done and what we can do. Men and women would benefit by learning that," she said.

Ghaffari agreed that participation in the events is not just for women.

"Women's history month is for men too. Everyone has important women in their lives, so there is a reason to celebrate," she said.

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Not all Catholics are opposed to abortion

Editor,

I am a first year Cal Poly student and am writing in response to a letter written by Meredith Rogers in the Mustang Daily Feb. 5 entitled "Forget embryo and fetus rights." I was appalled at many of the statement made in the letter.

First of all, not all Catholics are members of the group, "Helpers of God's Precious Infants." So addressing all Catholics as members of that group was very ignorant on her part. I am a Roman Catholic and I do believe in birth control and a woman's choice for abortion. I believe that we were not put on this earth to judge one another. God is the only judge.

I agree that many teen mothers are stuck parenting babies when the father leaves, but there is an exception. Not all teen mothers go on welfare. I am one of those teen mothers. My husband and I are working hard to support ourselves and our child, plus the costs to attend Cal Poly. I

know many students on this campus who are teenage parents and are not on welfare.

To say that Helpers of God's precious infants are forcing a woman to have a child is ridiculous. If Ms. Rogers took the time to talk to Roman Catholics on campus, she would realize that the vast majority are in favor of birth control.

I am offended by the statement that "Catholics should face reality and stop focusing on the rights of zygotes..." As a Catholic and a Christian, I have faced reality and taken responsibility for my actions.

After giving birth, I can not look at my daughter and say that she was just a zygote or a fetus. She was a human being in my womb. I understand that for some women, abortion is the option that they wish to choose, and that is their God given right. God gave us a free will.

In conclusion, I think that Ms. Rogers needs to re-address her broad statement that all Catholics are out to make society suffer with unwanted babies and teenage mothers on welfare. It is obviously an untrue statement and can easily be refuted.

Candice Goshgarian is a liberal studies freshman.

Zygote Blues

Secrets of life unravel with time
A powerful mystery of body and mind.
An embryo, a zygote
nothing more, nothing less
get rid of the thing
with a simple quick flush.
Why worry? The life
never started quite yet.
Till it does, the thing
has no rights to respect.
Than a baby quite young
in diapers a mess,
can't read or care
much less contemplate.
So, next with a twist
just snap off its wee head
it can't sign its name
so who cares if its dead.
Oh, Michelle little lass,
you wrote quite a piece
Aren't you glad it's not you
they'll exterminate next?

Eric Michielssen is in the education masters program.

Yeah evaluations

Editor,

Britt Fekete's article on standardized student evaluations of faculty captured many of the frustrations experienced by the university community. The bottom line is that great student evaluations and a buck will buy you a cup of coffee at Julian's. Great evals sure feel good, but departments and administrators routinely ignore them at promotion and PSSi time.

In past years, ASI has attempted to set up a system for published student evaluations of faculty. Such a system would go a long way toward dealing with student frustrations regarding teaching quality. At least you would know who's who when choosing a schedule. It's worth a continued effort.

As chair of the Academic Senate Instruction Committee, I have worked with ASI on these efforts in the past, and stand ready to do so now. Let me know if you're interested.

Laura Freberg is a psychology and human development professor.

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Our number one ladies man

This is in response to the myriad of opinion articles on the current Clinton scandal. In the United States, this issue is everywhere and the media can't get enough of it. Even if you watch CNN for five minutes you'll hear something

about it. I know how America views this subject, but it seems to me that the other 167 countries in this world aren't taking it so seriously. Time recently wrote a piece on the different opinions countries had

to give on the subject. President Clinton has gained the respect of Mexicans, one of whom stated in the Jan. 9 article "Our tradition tends to admire Don Juan presidents and such guerrillas of love as Poncho Villa and Che Guevara." Someone from Thailand said "Great leaders are very good at sex: Cleopatra, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Mao Zedong. Clinton is also a capable leader, so it is normal for him to be very good at sex."

Other countries are shocked at the media and their behavior.

Germans ask, "What kind of country is it that daily drags its President through the mud because of basically absurd rubbish?" Philippines thinks that "Clinton may... not be on trial, but instead the merciless tactics of a media ... drunk on power."

Our puritanical beliefs were commented on by the French "... Americans ought to elect a Pope instead of a President." Argentinians say that "Americans are so puritanical that the immense majority are convinced that

sex is dirty, ugly and sinful." Indians doesn't care and says "We reserve our moral opprobrium for money-related scandals instead of sex. As our vast numbers indicate sex isn't in short supply; cash is..."

Now what do our friends in the Middle East have to say about all this? The article stated that Israelis agree that "Perhaps personal moral traits, such as honesty and credibility, matter more than we thought, and we ought to return to expecting them from



HOW THE REST OF THE WORLD SEES CLINTON.

our elected leaders." Egypt wants to know, "Will Clinton direct a military attack against Iraq to distract attention away from his series of scandals?" Iraq will "let Clinton and his entourage drown in the scandal. And let us pursue the path of the great jihad for the complete lifting of the unjust sanctions."

I know that the United States is the most powerful country in the world and who cares what other countries think about us. In order to survive in this ever increasing interdependent society we should at least hear what other countries have to say. The United States may be falling apart morally, as some might argue, but most other countries don't seem to think so.

Well, except Nigeria who thinks "We may have to reinvent the Soviet Union, if only to help the Americans get their act together."

Morgen Steenhagen is a political science sophomore.

Reagan Washington what?

Editor,

Who is Ronald Reagan Washington anyway? Why does the U. S. Congress want to name an international airport after him? Was he the inventor of almond butter or something? Or maybe buttered popcorn for the movies.

Also, in a Feb. 2 Daily article, representative Dick Armey is quoted as saying, "Ronald Reagan is the most loved

man in America today" I thought Bill Clinton was the most loved man in America today, and RIGHT IN THE WHITE HOUSE TOO!! Why don't they name an international airport after him?

James Coyazo is a fruit science senior.

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IRAQ

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Iraq has been sparring for weeks with the United Nations over weapons inspections. It has barred members of the U.N. Special Commission, which oversees the inspections, from certain sites including Saddam's palaces, on grounds they would infringe on Iraqi sovereignty.

Since March 1996, inspectors have visited 63 sites where they believed the Iraqis were hiding contraband. Inspectors were delayed from entering 38 of the sites and flatly denied access to 14 others in the name of national security.

"We must not allow a strike by force, an American strike. I told Clinton about it: No, we shall not allow that," Yeltsin said in Moscow.

It wasn't clear how Russia intends to block an American attack. Yeltsin aides ruled out

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine made clear that France will not join in any U.S.-led strike on Iraq now, telling Europe 1 radio that diplomatic means to pressure Baghdad remain. An airstrike, he said, "would not resolve the problems."

The Iraqi Parliament, meanwhile, held an emergency session Thursday but refrained from action, with lawmakers saying they will give diplomacy a chance to resolve the crisis.

The Iraqi president also met with Palestinian Public Works Minister Azzam Ahmed, who had been dispatched by Arafat. INA said "Saddam reassured the Palestinian envoy that the Iraqis had closed ranks and are ready to confront the aggression" from the United States.

The agency said the Iraqi leader also met with Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel-Meguid for a second day. Abdel-Meguid was quoted as telling Saddam he would "exert all efforts to reach a peaceful solution."

National NEWS

With surpluses ahead, economists say budget gridlock looks just fine

And stalemate might not be too bad for the politicians, either.

As the fight over the fiscal 1999 budget begins, Clinton wants to expand social spending while many Republicans want more tax cuts. In a standoff, the expected billions in budget surpluses would be used for neither and the money would be applied automatically to reducing the national debt.

Trimming the government's \$5.4 trillion pile of I.O.U.'s would make money available for private borrowers. That means a stronger economy because interest rates would be pushed down, boosting business investment, productivity and job creation.

"I think gridlock is good news for the budget," said Ethan Harris, senior economist for Lehman Brothers investment bank in New York. "They're going to be surprised at how big the surplus is going to be, and keeping their hands off it is the best think that can happen."

Automakers will make low-polluting cars

WASHINGTON - Honda and Nissan said Thursday they would join the four other major automakers in producing gasoline-powered autos nationally that drastically cut polluting emissions.

The six automakers, which include the domestic Big Three, dominate the market with about 91 percent of new sales for cars and light trucks.

General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and Toyota said Wednesday that beginning with new 1999 models this fall, autos sold in 12 states from Virginia to Maine will produce far less pollution.

Judiciary chairman Hatch, Gorton trade jabs on Microsoft

WASHINGTON - Microsoft Windows' domination of the desktop computer software market has been a good thing for consumers but a move toward control of the Internet could be dangerous, Sen. Orrin Hatch said Thursday.

Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told a conference that the Justice Department's antitrust scrutiny of the giant software maker was warranted.

Hatch, whose state is home to Microsoft competitor Novell, said "high stakes" are involved in Justice's October antitrust lawsuit. The suit says Microsoft was using its dominance in the Windows 95 operating system software to gain market share for its Internet Explorer program.

Microsoft disagrees, saying the two programs are integrated and can't be separated as the government wants.

Tobacco industry considered
cola-flavored cigarettes to lure youths

WASHINGTON — One cigarette company discussed targeting young people with honey and cola-flavored cigarettes and another was looking for ways to entice black youths, according to internal documents made public at a congressional hearing Thursday. At the same time, the Clinton administration said it could support legislation to protect tobacco companies from most lawsuits.

"We obviously prefer a comprehensive tobacco bill without any liability limits," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. However, he said, "If we get everything we want in the tobacco bill which goes to the heart of the president's public health recommendations ... then reasonable limits on liability would not be a deal-breaker."

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Winter OLYMPICS 98

Flaim will march with memories of his father as Olympic flagbearer

By Larry Siddons
Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan — He was always there for Eric Flaim, helping him get started, watching him play.

"He did everything for me," Flaim said of his father, Rico, who died two years ago after seeing his son win a world championship and a pair of silver medals on Olympic speedskating tracks.

On Saturday (Friday night EST), Flaim will carry the American flag into the opening ceremonies of his fourth, and probably last, Winter Games. He'll also carry the memory of the man who did the most to help get him there.

"I'll march with the memory of my father," Flaim said Thursday. "He got me started in hockey and then in speedskating. He was there for every one of my world championship races and watched me at the Olympics in Calgary and Albertville."

Flaim learned of his selection when he arrived in Japan. An airline representative handed him the letter from U.S. Olympic Committee officials, and teammates leaving the plane cheered as they read the news over his shoulder.

"It was a real shocker," the 30-

year-old from Boston said. "But it's a tremendous honor to be chosen to carry the American flag and represent my teammates and my country."

Now a member of the 5,000-meter short-track relay squad, Flaim broke into world-class competition on the long track. He was the 1993 world all-around champion, won the silver medal in the 1,500 at the 1988 Olympics and added a short-track relay bronze eight years later.

"The relay silver was a thrill because I got to cross the finish line after overtaking people," said Flaim, the anchor on that quartet. "And I'll always remember the 1,500 silver. I was the first one to skate and looked up at the finish and saw a world-record time (1 minute, 52.12 seconds), and thought, 'I've just skated faster than anyone in history.'"

East Germany's Andrea Hoffman subsequently lowered the record to 1:52.06 to win the gold.

In the opening ceremony, Flaim will lead the biggest team at the Winter Games, with some 240 athletes, coaches and officials. He was the fifth speedskater and the first from short-track to be picked for the honor.

With NHL players participating in the Olympics for the first time, the league is taking an unprecedented mid-winter break in its season Feb. 8-24.

The season will resume Feb. 25.

The union had been pressing for a no-trade period.

A game of their own - and goons, too

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan — Some people are surprised to learn there are goons in women's hockey. This is hardly news to Karyn Bye. She already has a collection of cheap shots from some of the world's best.

Two days remain before the first game of the first-ever Olympic women's tournament and Bye, a forward and the alternate captain of the U.S. women's team, can't remember the last time she took inventory. What's more, she doesn't care.

Wait this long for a game of your own, sacrifice the way Bye and so many of these women have, and the threat of a knock here or there changes nothing. Especially if it comes, as anticipated, against the Canadians in the gold-medal game some two weeks from now.

"That one," said Bye, still nursing a charley horse dealt her by Canada's enforcer, Haley Wickenheiser, in an exhibition last week, "will be as rough as the refs let it be."

What the women's game lacks in mayhem — bodychecking is not allowed; they almost never drop their gloves and trade punches — it more than makes up in desire. As late as age 14, Bye was still playing in boys' leagues to find decent competition — and still hiding that fact by listing her initials in the program instead of her name.

When goalie Sarah Tueting was 6 she would go the rink with her brother and sit behind the goal with her face pressed against the glass. Her parents assumed she had a crush on the boy minding the net. What she really lusted after was his equipment. The night her parents bought her a set of used goalie pads, and every night after that

for the rest of the week, she slept with them.

Just about every woman on the U.S. team could tell a similar story.

Captain Cammi Granato followed three older brothers to a frozen field across the street from their house in suburban Chicago; Alana Blahoski got too cold standing around the outdoor rinks in Minnesota where her brother skated to stay a spectator for long; Lisa Brown-Miller started out playing with the boy next door because she thought the equipment was cool.

"By now," Bye said, "we're getting a lot of the same questions. But yeah, I think you could say all of us are living our dream."

In women's sports, even non-chance is hard-earned. A few of the veterans were already part of the national team program when the International Olympic Committee extended official recognition to the sport in 1992. Nearly everyone else was in the pipeline by the summer of 1996, when the gold medals won by their counterparts in soccer, softball and basketball at the Atlanta Games brought their own mission into sharper focus.

"By doing so well, they turned some heads," forward Shelley Looney said. "And in the case of basketball, at least, they also opened up some very big opportunities."

Here, Looney paused and scanned the stage in the large auditorium where she and her teammates had gathered Thursday for a series of interviews. As strong a bond as their shared past provided, their vision for the future is nearly as potent.

For some, the hunger to play is barely satisfied with a game of their own. They want more: a pro league of their own.

But few can afford illusions.

The "old woman" of the squad, the 31-year-old Brown-Miller, has put off her honeymoon for three years now to soldier on in the program. A few others have put careers and college on hold. Looney is such a pragmatist that to limit her downtime, just three days after the 1997 world championships, she underwent knee surgery in the morning and facial surgery that afternoon.

And yet, already 26, she does not expect to take the next step herself. She even doubts whether things will have changed fast enough for even the two teenagers on the squad, 18-year-old Angela Ruggiero and 19-year-old Jenny Schmidgall, to do so.

"The way most of us have it in our heads," Looney said, "is that we don't want it to start up if it's not ready. Because if it fails, it will take twice as long to bring it back up again."

Yet, there is already some solace in being one of the pioneers. The best thing about pro sports isn't the relative handfuls of unhappy millionaires who play the games or own them. It's the dramatic moments they produce — those mind's-eye souvenirs that millions of kids carry out to frozen ponds, asphalt squares and green diamonds and try to reproduce.

How powerful those tableaux have been. What's changing now is that more and more, some of those kids are girls. Thirty years ago, only 1 in 27 girls played high school sports. Today, that number is 1 in 3. If this U.S. team accomplishes nothing else, it has already given all those other little girls following big brothers to the rink a reason to step onto the ice with a hockey stick in hand and play the game themselves.

League agrees, no trades during Olympics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL imposed a freeze on trades during the Olympics on Thursday.

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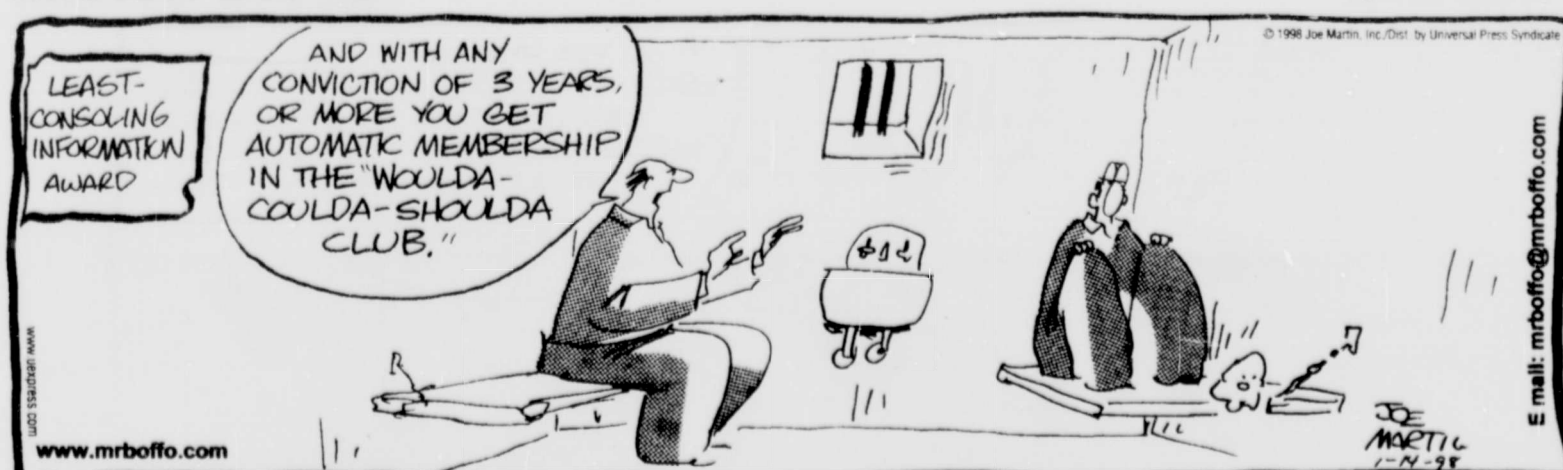
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BRIEFS

Maniacville returns

On Saturday, Cal Poly will host another 7-footer as defending conference champion Pacific comes to town for a 2 p.m. game at Mott Gym.

Last year, hearts were pounding as the Mustangs pulled off a buzzer-beater to defeat Pacific, who would eventually advance to the NCAA tournament.

Also on Saturday, Maniacville is back. Starting at 11:30 a.m. Mott Gym will come alive with the live tunes of local band Jive-n-Direct. Soapbox Sports will be there to give away prizes and students can feast on a pre-game BBQ.

Football receives award

Cal Poly football center Doug Lichtenberger was named to the Division I-AA second team all-American by ESPN/Sports Ticker.

Lichtenberger, a 6-foot 4-inch, 275 pounder previously named to the all-Independent team, anchored the Mustang line the previous two seasons.

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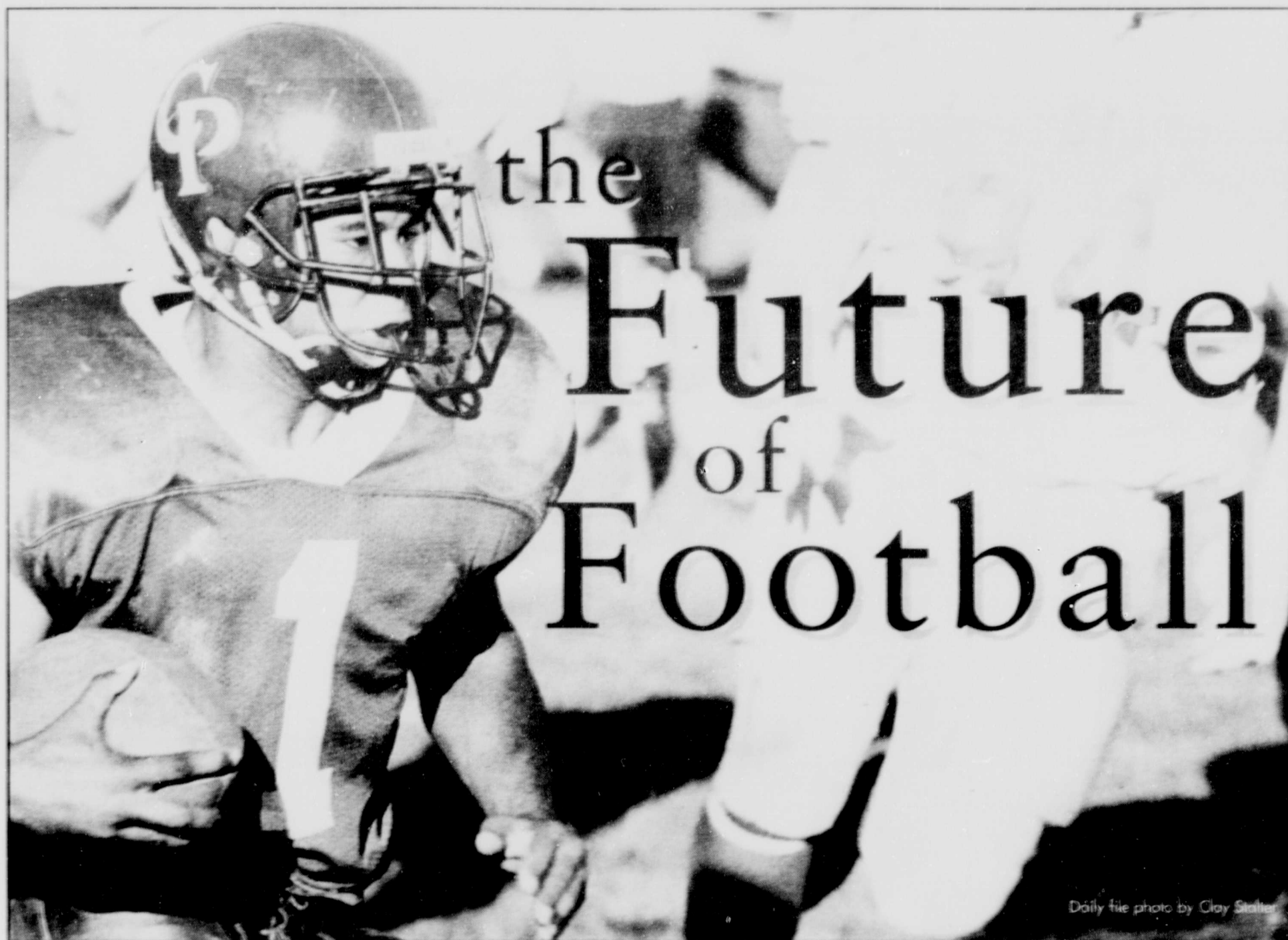
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- Men's Tennis vs. U.C. Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara at 12 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Men's Volleyball vs. U.C. Davis in Rec Center at 7:30 p.m.
- Softball vs. St. Mary's at Cal Poly Softball field at 12 and 2 p.m.
- Wrestling at California Collegiate Tournament in San Francisco at 9 a.m.
- Wheelmen at U.C. San Diego for road race
- Men's basketball vs. University of the Pacific in Mott Gym at 2 p.m., Maniacville activities starts at 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY

- Wheelmen at U.C. San Diego for criterium
- Women's basketball vs. University of the Pacific at Stockton at 2 p.m.



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Daily Staff Report



The new guy proved to everyone he could lead the Cal Poly football team to a winning season. The Mustangs finished 10-1 last season and reached as high as No. 17 in the national Division I-AA Independent.

Head football coach Larry Welsh's next challenge: to show he can recruit a solid bunch of players. Welsh has to mold these players into his team of the future.

One problem. Most coaching staffs watch potential recruits for years before they have to select anyone. Welsh didn't have the chance to do this.

After only a few months to catch up with other universities, Welsh announced 17 new players, all high school seniors, who signed national letters of intent yesterday.

Welsh expects to sign an additional three to four other players by today.

Of the 17 players signed, three come from the Central Coast. Welsh reached to his old stomping grounds to grab Ryan Canfield who will grayshirt, then redshirt and eventually fill the quarterback slot.

Welsh also picked up David Junod from Santa Maria to stand in the offensive line and signed Drew Ecklund, little brother of former Cal Poly quarterback Nate Ecklund.

The list of players looks like this:

Henry Brown (DE, 6-2, 253) from Tulare Western High School. Voted MVP of the team after recording 27 tackles and 12 sacks in 1997.

Garrett Ford (DE, 6-7, 225) from Poway High School. Named San Diego Union Tribune All-Academic Football team selection last fall.



Daily file photo by David Wood

Jason Roberts (DE, 6-3, 250) from Santa Fe High School. Named "Offensive Lineman of the Year" and a three-time Scholar Athlete.

Darren Ross (DE/OT/DT, 6-3, 250) from Ganesha High School. Named Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year 1996-97.

Brad Minor (DT/NG, 6-6, 290) from Hanford Union High School.

Andrew Jones (OL, 6-4, 265) from St. Bonaventure High School. Led team in total sacks last season.

Junod (OL, 6-8, 305) from Righetti High School. Voted Most Valuable Lineman last season.

Dane Smith (OL/DT, 6-3, 280) from John F. Kennedy High School. Named CIF First Team selection and All-Orange County Second Team selection as a defensive tackle.

Kassim Osgood (WR, 6-6, 185) from North Salinas High School. Had 27 receptions for 715 yards for an average of 30.3 yards per reception last season.

Emanuel Pasternak (LB, 6-3, 235) from Ramona High School. Named First Team All-North County and Second Team All-CIF.

Joe Martinez (LB, 6-2, 230) from Ventura High School. Honored as 1997 All-Ventura County and All-CIF First Team selection.

Isaac Dixon (LB, 6-3, 235) from Mariposa High School. Recorded over 100 tackles and had two interceptions in 1997.

David Woods (DB, 6-1, 190) from Summerville High School. Selected as League MVP in 1996 and 1997.

Kurt Rubin (RB/DB, 6-0, 185) from Brawley Union High School. Selected 1997 All-Imperial Valley League selection at both running back and defensive back.

Mike Chavis (RB/DB, 6-0, 180) from Mission Viejo High School. Rushed for 748 yards on 139 carries and 12 touchdowns.

Ecklund (RB/DB, 5-11, 180) from San Luis Obispo High School. Offensively rushed for 1,572 yards and scored 25 touchdowns.

Canfield (QB, 6-2, 165) from Atascadero High School. Threw for 1,446 yards as a junior and passed for 16 touchdowns last year.



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